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AppropriationTestimony  
'Adams, Paige'  
Bill 6354

To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding: Ct Bill # 6354

I had served as Treasurer of the Campaign to Elect Terry Masters in the recent 2012 Elections (CT Rep - for District 120). I held this office for the first time; and to further complicate the issue, it was presented to me mid- election, almost 3 months into the campaign.

I took over from a similarly inexperienced person who had to drop out due to personal reasons. I saw it as a civic-minded "good deed".

Note: I have been voting for almost 50 years.

My first appraisal of the eCris Website was daunting.

I knew that my electronic accounting / reporting skills left much to be desired.

But, step by step, I sought out a way of dealing with the task at hand.

I recall early on...looking at the eCris Website and mistakenly read it as "cRiss".

Just when all was lost, I was introduced to Paige Adams, my Candidate Services Liaison.

She gave me hope and answers. She provided positive direction and systematic information.

In a few weeks, I was pleasantly surprised to be able to arrange Public Grant Funding for the Campaign in the amount of \$26,850. I knew who to thank. Paige Adams.

I still stumbled through the reporting process, but not like before.

Just recently, I had finally got my terminating electronic bookkeeping numbers to (reasonably) match.

Please do not take the *human factor* out of State Elections Enforcement Committee.

I strongly appeal to the Appropriations Committee to leave the current Candidate Services in place.

I know for a fact what could happened if not for them ...when a person is placed in a situation way over their head.

Regards,

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